## LIST OF LETTERS. IST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN

THE POST-OFFICE AT RICHMOND, HEN-RICO COUNTY, VA., DECKMBER 22, 1877. LADIES' LIST.
Frank, A. Pollard, S.
French, K. Preston, H. (2)
Goldsoy, Annie S. Read, S. A.
Good, I. Roper, R. K.
Harri, N. B. Boss, L. E.
Hollinsworth, M. Robinson, A.
Robinson, L.
Robinson, L.
Robinson, L. Allen, Susan
Anderson, H.
Atkinson, R.
Austin, Laura
Raker, J.
Barrett, M. A.
Boyden, C. V. S.
Brovan, J.
Brown, J.
Brown, J.
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Brown, S.
Brown, S. Sheilds, P. Shell, A. C. Brown, S. James, Mary Butler, M. A. Johnson, J. Christian, H. Johnson, J. Charle G. H. Jebnson, P. Clarke G. H. James, J. Smappard, O.
Smith, M. A.
Smith, J.
Tahaferro, S. A.
Tayler, M.
Thoruton, M.
Tiley, Mrs. Col. Clarke, G. H. Cooke, P. M. Cox, H. Curtin, Mary Davis, M. A. Jones, J. Lewis, S. Marshall, S Wm.
Tyler, Linda
Terry, C.
Wath, Ida
Willis, Grace Dabney, H. n. M. Miller, A. L. Morris, W. niggs, G. E. White, S. Williams, A More, A. Nelley, J. Williams, W. A. Wright, L. C. Wood, J.

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Abbotf, C. T. (4)
Akin, J. G.
Adaras, Jno. S.
Aling, Wm.
Adams, P.
Anderson, W. H.
Archer, J. M.
Arnald, Geo. H.
Ragby, J. J.
Banale, J. W.
Banale, J. Jennings, R. F.
Jackson, Wm.
Jackson, M.
Jasper, T.
Jones, A. McF.
Jones, C. D.
Joyner, Thos.
Kerr, —
Lennox, Jas.

Jennings, R. F.
Shackelford &
Gentry
Seddons, Prof. J.
H. (2)
Smith, W.
Southall, H.
Spring, W. H.
Smith, H.
Smith, H.
Smith, H. Bascon, J. W. Jaspe, Jones, W. Jones, A. McF.

Jones, C. D.
Joyner, Thos.

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Lendox, Jas.
Smith W. Sprieg, W. H.
Sprieg, W. H.
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Morgan, C. H.
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Muhley, C. W.
McIntire, I. H.
McManus, J.
Metomick, H.
Nash, P. G.
Newell, E. A.
Ogillive, J. O.
Pegram, W. J.
Pondexter, M.
Purcell, M. W.
Walker, J. E. (2)
Wheaton, Bird
Wheeler, J.
Williams, Geo.
Wilson, Capf. G
W.
Woodward, P. L.
Young, R. Williams, Geo. Woodward, P. L. VESSELS. Schooner Almon Bird, Schooner M. C. Hart, Schooner Margie Marston, Schooner L. A. Denen-hower (2), Schooner William H. Kenzel, Schooner Mary A. Trainer, Brig Kate McDoural, Bark Nora, W. W. FORBES, Postmaster.

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## DAILY DISPATCH.

tion to instilling into them the rudiments of

following is the programme rendered: Song by the school, "The Sleigh-Ride"

song (Irish), "The Hat Me Father Wore,

cholars; reading, "Seven Times One,

whole school, "The Watch on the Rhine."

Farewell," but a severe cold and hoarse-

Monument fund, when our readers will

have an opportunity of seeing and hearing

At the conclusion of the exercises Mr.

Mr. Albert L. West made short addresses

to the children, expressing gratification at

congratulating the young ones on the visi-

ble benefits they were enjoying, and upon

their admirable decorum and good behavior,

which, as one of the gentlemen said, was

equal to any and surpassed others of the

DR. WEBB'S LECTURE BEFORE THE STU-

DENTS OF RICHMOND COLLEGE.-Thursday

night was an occasion of no little pleasure

of Nature" in a very acceptable manner;

after which it was announced that in three

quarters of an hour-just time enough to

allow the more gallant of the boys to restore

their fair companions to parental care-the

In a few moments the Amateur band ar-

made all "hail fellows well met." The peal

of march to the mess hall, where tables ac-

commodated the two bundred strong. Ap-

petites satisfied with the splendid supper

prepared by that excellent lady Mrs. Wool-

folk, all hands repaired to the chapel again.

Mr. Starke of Richmond took the chair, and,

having called the meeting to order, remark

ed "twas not all of schoolhood days to pon-

der over the dull text-books," and intro-

duced Mr. Riggan, who would offer the first

fun in fact. These two gentlemen then pre-

sided, and alternately announced the toasts.

The speeches in reply were limited to four

minutes, and the chagrin of those who dared

trespass longer on the patience of the au-

dience may be better imagined than de-

scribed, when it is known that they were

immediately presented with a large placard

by Mr. Fleming bearing the cut of a coffin

with the inscription, "Talked to Death-

Please Let Up," and roars of laughter went

up as the speaker went down-or as he stood dumbfounded. But the songs (ac-

companied by the band) "Auld Lang Syne," "Farewell, Farewell," and "We are All

Going Home," rung the welkin and stirred

the boys from the hearts, and right hearty

night long to be remembered by the stu-

ELECTION OF PYTHIAN OFFICERS.—At

officers were elected for the ensuing term of

six months: S. T. Beach, past chancellor:

J. C. Clifton, chancellor commander; R. S.

Denny, vice-chancellor; M. A. McDonald,

records and seal; T. L. Courtney, master

of finance; W. H. Cardozo, master of ex-

chequer; J. J. Muse, master-at-arms; S. T.

Beach, representative to the Grand Lodge

of Virginia. The Chancellor-Commander-

elect appointed W. T. Smoot inner guard

the steamer is in A No. 1 condition.

the city, in Philadelphia, about seven years

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND CONGREGATIONAL RE-

will be dealt out to the scholars. After all

these exercises are over the room will be

prepared for a sociable for the congrega-

tion, to begin at 6 o'clock. Arrangements

of the evening, which will be enlivened by

THE MISTLETOE BOUGH.-The Mistletoe

nesday and Thursday evenings next.

munity will doubtless be glad of an oppor- Richmond.

dents.

ning in January.

The name of Miss Ida Granger was in

(This was splendidly sung.)

the little wonder.

chools of the city.

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CHRISTMAS GOODS.

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RICHMOND, VA., SATURDAY MORNING. DECEMBER 22. 1877.

Richmond Dispatch.

ATTHE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU-LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY

SATURDAY......DECEMBER 22, 1877.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, Tennessee, and the Ohio Valley, warmer southeast winds, falling barometer, cloudy and rainy weather will prevail.

For the West Gulf States, westerly winds, partly cloudy weather, stationary pressure and temperature. For the Middle States, south and east

winds, falling barometer, slightly warmer, partly cloudy weather, and possibly light rains in the interior. The temperature will remain above freez- sound, practical education. The discipline ing in the canal regions of Ohio and Penn-

Cautionary signals continue at Smithville,

Wilmington, Cape Lookout, Hatteras, Kitty

Hawk, Cape Henry, and Norfolk. THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was cloudy, cooler, and threatening. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 50; 9 A. M., 50; noon, 52; 3 P. M., 52; 6 P.

LOCAL MATTERS.

M., 51; midnight, 48.

PROGRESS OF WORK ON THE CANAL .- The everal considerable breaks on the first evel of the canal were completed with hired labor. The water was turned on the first level Wednesday the 5th of December, and much work in strengthening the breaches has since been done.

Ninety convicts from the Buchanan and the programme for the song "Good-Night, Clifton-Forge railroad, under P. B. Houston, division engineer, and the railroad bosses, were quartered at Westham Furnace on the 4th of December, and began work on the 6th. This force, increased to 157 convicts, has completed the several heavy breaches on the third and fourth levels, and has made such repairs on the several breaches at and near Bosher's dam as to justify the turning-in of the water. The many breaches between Bosher's dam and Bugg's Inlet lock, seventy miles west of Richmond, have been sufficiently repaired by hired hands and by contract to warrant the resumption of navigation.

The packet-boat came through from Dover Mills (twenty miles) to Richmond yesterday evening. This morning a freight-boat with sixty convicts on board will start through to Bugg's lock, from which point the convicts will be marched to Tye river. The other ninety-seven convicts will follow on in a few days in repairing and strengthening the banks of the canal as they go. One hundred and fifty-five convicts from

the Buchanan and Clifton-Forge railroad, under Charles Goldsborough, division engineer, and the railroad managers, began work on the canal one mile below Lynchburg on the 4th December. Much work has been done by them; and sixty convicts have been ordered from this force to Tve river. It is expected that navigation be-tween Lynchburg and Tye river (forty line county, delivered his lecture on "Forces miles) will be restored before the 1st of February. Indeed, under the energetic management of those in charge of the repairs, it is expected that boats can pass through from Richmond to Lynchburg, if the weather shall be tolerably favorable, by the 1st students would reassemble in the chapel. day of February. It remains, however, that much work shall be done in strengthening rived, amid cheers, and but a short time the repairs, and this will probably keep the whole force of convicts and free-laborers of the tower-bell was the signal for a line busy during the month of February. The above information is from an official

Fine GOLD SLEEVE- and BOSOM-BUTTONS, source. Captain Talley, of Harman Brothers' packet line, reached the city last evening with his boat, which was caught by the flood at Beaverdam. He will Teave Richmond this morning at 7 o'clock for the up-Don't forget that on SATURDAY you can't COME | per James. It is not certain that his boat | will go further than Cedar Point to-day. But next week, commencing on Monday, boat will leave the packet-office at 5 P. M. daily except Sunday.

ROBBERS AT TREE HILL .- About 4:30 yeserday morning Mr. J. A. Sydnor, manager of the Tree-Hill farm (belonging to Mr. Franklin Stearns, and situated a short distance below the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company's wharves), was informed by two of his colored employes that the corn-crib was invaded. Mr. Sydnor put his hands to watching the crib while he rode off for help. He had gone but a short distance when he was informed that the thieves (two in number) were endeavoring to make their escape. He galloped back and soon came up with them and fired off one barrel of his gun at them. This caused them to halt, and, being armed, they showed fight, when Mr. Sydnor fired again, wounding one in his legs, disabling him. The other resumed his flight. The wounded man having been secured, Mr. Sydnor obtained the assistance of his neighbor, Mr. Charles Childrey, and resumed the pursuit of the He was found at his home, on Randolph's farm. When the two gentlemen came up to his house he jumped from a window to the ground, and was confronted by Mr. Childrey, to whom he surrendered. Both of the prisoners were lodged in the Henrico county jail yesterday. It is believed that they are the thieves who have been committing many depredations in that neighborhood recently, amongst others and R. E. Cox outer guard. The installarobbing Mr. George D. Pleasants of clothing, &c. Some clothing, an album, and other articles were found in the house.

RICHMOND IMPORTS .- It is not generally known that Mr. L. Lichtenstein, at 1705 and 1707 Franklin street, has been for a number of years very largely engaged in the importation of seine-thread, and also in the manufacture of gill- and drift-seines. Mr. Lichtenstein is the only importer of this class of goods south of Philadelphia, and has established quite a trade with Baltimore, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Petersburg, and other cities. Mr. Lichtenstein deserves success, not only because of his enterprise, but on account of his modesty and fair

HAVE YOU LOST ANY VALUABLES?-The Captain of Police of Nashville writes to Major Poe (supposing that some of our people may have lost the goods mentioned) that he has in his possession a lot of jewelry, as follows: A rose diamond medallion pin; shield, set in silver face and gold back, with a border of turquoise, with pendant of large pearls-locket in the back; necklace of turquoise, set in gold; Malachute ear-drops; etruscan-gold necklace; set of coral ball-studs.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE GAS .- On Thursday night while the clerks at the post-office were engaged distributing the mails a kerosene- music and readings. oil lamp was overturned and a package of lace was badly damaged.

Government engineers are now here making measurements with the view of to be a most enjoyable entertainment. The ocating a private gas-manufacturing estab- charming little amateur actress Miss Ward, ishment in the custom-house building. It of Kentucky, has consented to remain in is believed that if the building is not blown the city long enough to take the part of day. up very good gas will be made.

UNIFORM OF THE LEE GUARD.-The members of the Lee Guard, Captain Whitehead, of Music, and was, indeed, the "star of the mend Dr. Giles Liniment Iodide of Ammonia. are uniforming themselves with beautiful goodly company." All the papers of the R. S. LATHAM, Chemist, corner of Bleury and Craig uniforms, and the ranks of the company are city were loud in her praise, and our com- streets, Montreal. Sold by PURCELL, LADD & Co., being rapidly filled. CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.—The ladies ciative house.

of the Sewing Circle of Union-Station Methodist Episcopal church will give a supper Hall, on Twenty-fifth street, commencing tertainments at Association Hall on Wed- be appreciated. Published by W. R. Andrews, Cinon Wednesday next.

A PLEASANT OCCASION .- Thanks to an in- | STORE ROBBED .- Thursday night the store | vitation from Mr. Julian P. Thomas, the of R. L. Butler, on Franklin street near efficient principal of the Bethel group of Seventeenth, was broken into and robbed public schools, we had the pleasure of of a lot of tobacco and about \$20 in curbeing present yesterday afternoon at the rency. Yesterday morning Sergeant Dan. school-building on Twentieth street, and Wren arrested Edward Mayo, the hegro enjoying a most agreeable entertainment by porter, as one of the parties implicated in Because their Toilet preparations have become so the pupils. It is customary at this school the burglary.

every Friday afternoon to have these enter-ARRESTED FOR MURDER. - John Reed alias tainments, but that of yesterday was invested with special interest, as it was the W. H. Robinson (colored), who is charged last before the closing of the schools for the | with murdering a woman in Caroline coun-Christmas holidays. The exercises em- ty, and who was recently arrested here by braced singing, readings, recitations, &c., Sergeant Howard and Policeman Hannan, and the children taking part therein deserve | was on yesterday turned over to the sheriff much praise for the very effective man- of Caroline county by the Police Justice. ner in which they acquitted themselves. The murder was committed several years The pupils of Bethel have always ago, and if this is the right man the officers been noted for the successful ren- will get \$100 reward. dition of their fine programmes at PERSONAL .- Among the visitors to the their annual closing exercises, and right

Tobacco Exchange yesterday were H. E. well did the little ones sustain their reputaion on this occasion. Their teachers are Gray, Cumberland; Joseph Towns, North buy your good things. Main street. specially entitled to commendation for de- Carolina; W. A. Power, Norfolk; W. E. veloping and improving the varied talents Royall, Powhatan; W. L. Hill, Chicago; of the children under their care, in addi- and P. B. Pendleton, Louisa. VERDICT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH .- In

of Bethel school, without intending disthe City Circuit Court yesterday in the case paragement to others, is of the best, and of Richardson's sureties (or some of them) speaks well for its principal, to whose man-agement this very desirable feature is mainly about \$11,000. Richardson was formerly due. Mr. Thomas, besides being a good treasurer of Caroline county. scholar, is an excellent disciplinarian. The FLOUR FOR RIO .- The bark Norah, W. C.

barrels of flour, shipped by Dunlop & Mc-Ralph Bingham; reading, "Miss Polly-Wog," Charlie Anderson; song, "Touch Me Gently, Father Time," Miss Brown's Cance, cleared at the custom-house yester-DR. HENSON'S LECTURE. - A fine audience Mary Wacher; reading, "The Night Be-fore Christmas," Rachel Brill; song, "Si-mon the Cellarer," Henry Cohn; speech, "McLane's Child," Ralph Bingham; song, greeted Rev. Dr. Henson at the Second Baptist church last night, and seemed charmed Ni's. with his magnificent lecture. His plea for

Hall master, for Rio de Janeiro, with 4,360

old folks, old culture, the old book, and the lets, &c., in great profusion, at LAIRD'S Garden, on old faith, was able, eloquent, and telling. Grace street. "There's Nothing Like a Freshening Breeze," several scholars; song by the The lecture sparkled with keen flashes of wit, well-told anecdotes, capital bits, touching pathos, and thrilling eloquence, which held the audience enraptured from the beginning to the end. THE THEATRE. - Haverley's Minstrels at-

ness forced her to give it up. She attempted tracted a large crowd last night. Such eno sing, but her voice completely failed her. tertainments are generally successful berc, Every one did well. But the most pleasand this company is one of the best travelng features of the programme were the ling. Much of the singing was good. The two pieces by Master Ralph Bingham, the lecture on civil-service reform was firstpoy orator of Bethel, of whose performances rate. The lecturer has made a study of LAIRD's Garden.
public speakers, and apes many of their pewe have had occasion to speak several times before. He is a genius—a prodigy, in fact culiarities admirably. The dancing was up and he is born to make his mark in the to the average, and so were the jokes. world. We learn that his father proposes There will be a matinée to-day and a perto give an exhibition of little Ralph's qualiformance to-night. ties at a matinée entertainment at the Theatre next week for the benefit of the Lee-

TEXAS JACK-CHANFRAU.-The Texas Jack Combination, led by the veritable scout, hunter, and guide, Texas Jack (J. B. Omohundro), and supported by Morlacchi the pantomimist, will give two entertain-Charles P. Rady, Superintendent Peay, and ments at the Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday next, with Christmas matines at 2 everything connected with the school, and

On Monday the great character actor, F. S. Chanfrau, will appear at the Theatre.

notifying county and city superintendents of a dividend of 25 cents per head of school population. Richmond city gets \$5,188.50, Henrico, \$1,431; Hanover, \$1,559.75; Chesterfield, \$1,322.25; Manchester, \$458.75. The total amount of this apportionment is \$120,925.25.

FINE SHOOTING PROMISED.-The Creston Brothers and Mrs. Hartman will give an exhibition of wonderful marksmanship at the Virginia Opera-House to-night.

[Communicated.] A Letter from Mr. Wanamaker. PHILADELPHIA, December 20, 1877.

Mr. C. Eugene Stokes: Dear Friend,-I stop in one of our busiest days to communicate to you my great satisfaction in the increase of business at the new stand. I trust this is not temporary, but that as the change of location becomes known you will continue to increase. Be sure to do well for each customer, and thus secure the influence and favor of all with whom you have to do. Do not hesitate to lose an immediate gain in profit if by making it the buyer is in any way deceived toast of the evening. Then commenced the

or not permanently well served. Instil into the minds of all the clerks the principles of straightfowardness in the right, on which our business is conducted, and see that everything conforms strictly to the line that your long education in our Philadelphia houses has made you familiar with.

Yours truly,

John Wanamaker.

Main stree Branch house, Tenth and Main streets, Richmond, Va.

SOIREE AT LAUBE'S DANCING ACADEMY EVERY SATURDAY from 5 to 6 o'clock. Tickets. 10 and 25 cents.

GOODS FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS at COHEN BROTHERS', who have made special preparation. was the hand-shaking which concluded a Their place of business will be opened at 5 o'clock I RECEIVED THE MAJORITY OF PREMIUMS OVER

all competitors for my work at the State Fairs meeting of Hines Lodge, No. 17, Knights 1876 and 1877, and if I live will do the same in of Pythias, held last evening, the following 1878. M. J. POWERS. Photographer and Miniature-Painter, 804 Main street.

The greatest variety of goods is to be found at COHEN BROTHERS'. They will be open to-night at prelate; William J. Riddick, keeper of BEAUTIFUL BOXES filled with PIZZINI'S candies

would be an acceptable Christmas present. HAVANA ORANGES .- Get some of them at Piz-

FIRST-CLASS CONFECTIONERIES! tion will take place on the first Friday eve-While taking a stroll around the city examining the large and beautiful assortments of toys, fancy TRIAL OF A STEAM-ENGINE. -Steamer A, of the Fire Department, having been repolitan Iron-Works, was yesterday taken to

goods, and other Xmas tricks, we took special pains to examine the large stocks of candles, sugar toys, cently overhauled and repaired at the Metro- cakes, &c.; and whilst we found a great deal of beauty and ingenuity displayed in that very importhe basin bank and tested by order of Chief tant branch of trade, we must confess that in some instances a large amount of adulterated and un-Ainslie. With one stream she threw water healthy candies are offered under the plea of being over Snyder's smoke-stack, which was equal cheap. We therefore advise our readers to get their to the performances of her best days. If supplies from first-class houses. By a close examthe Christmas festivities should result in a ination it will be found that the candles and cakes conflagration, and Company A should be offered by D. COLUMBUS, 321 Broad, are FURE and called into requisition, it will be found that FIRST-CLASS, and as CHEAP as the inferior goods we have seen. Call early at 321 Broad street, and The steamer, it will be remembered, is you will thank us for the information. the "Hand-in-Hand," and was bought by

FINE EATING-PRUNES AT PIZZINI'S.

LOTS OF GOODS still left at LEVY BROTHERS'. Their store will be opened at 5 o'clock this evening. Forty salesmen and sales-ladies will be present to UNION.—Amongst the celebrations that will wait on customers. take place at Christmas there will be one at

St. Mark's Sunday-School room that will be POP-CRACKERS AND FIREWORKS of all kinds at held on Wednesday the 26th. The teachers and children of the Sunday school will as TOYS AND FANCY ARTICLES AT COST .- Mesers. semble about noon with parents and friends when the fruitage of a large Christmas-tree

ELLYSON & YANCEY (successors to J. Taylor Ellystock of toys and fancy goods-things suitable for Christmas presents-at cost. In this department can be founy dressed dolls, thy trunks, toy bureaus, ten-pins, Noah's arks, chiua toys, dominoes, paints, will be made for the comfortable enjoyment children's games, &c. PIZZINI has the largest, best, and cheapest Can-

dies in the city. REMEMBER, THAT LEVY BROTHERS' store will Bough at Mozart Hall next week promises be opened this evening at 5 o'clock, and kept open

Genevra, the bride, in the Mistletoe Bough. IN NEURALGIA, acute and imflammatory rheu-She appeared in that character in New York before an immense audience at the Academy | neck, pains in the back and loins, headache, I recom-

tunity to greet her with a full and appre-THE "Bazar" designs to shine not only as a fashion magazine, but also as a literary organ. Among the contributors to its columns is Lucy PROFESSOR NICHOLLS .- Professor Henry Hamilton Hooper, the brilliant Paris correspondent. for the benefit of the church at Masonic Nicholls will give two of his delightful en- An elegant sixteen-page monthly, it must be seen to

NO. 149.

You will have an opportunity to purchase your holiday goods at LEVY BROTHERS' this evening at 5 o'clock. They will show a rare assortment of ele-

WHY HAS A WHITE ROSE ON A GOLDEN LYRE been adopted as a trade-mark by J. & E. ATKINSON? popular that they are extensively counterfeited.

THE FIRST, HIGHEST, AND ONLY PREMIUMS awarded for PHOTOGRAPHS proper by the State Fairs for the last ten years have been given to D. H. ANDERSON. The public needs no better evidence

of the merit of his pictures. Ho, for ANTONI'S the confectioner!

GOLDEN SHERRY .- A good table wine for \$2.25 CHRISTIAN & WHITE'S. per gallon, at CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND GAMES in endless variety at ELLYSON & YANCEY'S, 1112 Main street.

DOMINOES from 10c. to \$1.50 a box at ELLYSON & YANCEY'S, 1112 Main street.

STUDY YOUR INTEREST, and go to ANTONI'S and

Go to ANTONI'S before the rush.

FRUIT-CAKES, plain cakes, and all kinds of small cakes at PIZZINI's, suitable for Christmas. CAMELIAS at TOLER & HOOPER'S. VIOLETS at TOLER & HOOPER'S. TUBEROSES at TOLER & HOOPER'S. ROSEBUDS at TOLER & HOOPER'S. CARNATIONS at TOLER & HOOPER'S,

and Choice Flowers of all other varieties at TOLER & HOOPER'S. Call early and see for yourselves.

ANTONI has put all prices down, down, down. FIRE-CRACKERS of every description at PIZZI-

LOOK OUT FOR ANTONI'S, the confectioner, Main RAISINS, Currants, Citron, Nuts. Lemons,

FLOWERS! FLOWERS !- Reses. Camelias, Vic-

Oranges, at PIZZINI's, selling law. PIZZINI is crowded every day with buyers getting their Christmas good things. FIREWORKS at ANTONI'S, Main street.

WHAT is meer for a Christmas present than a handsome basket of Flowers? which can be had at MALAGA GRAPES, Bananas, Pears, Oranges, and Figs at ANTONI'S.

DOWN THEY GO. The lateness of the season. The warm, unseasonable weather, Prompts us in announcing an extraordinary sale.

Men's suits at \$8, \$9, \$10, \$11, and upwards:

There will be no reserve. We now offer our entire stock representing over \$100,000, at lower prices than have been asked in this city.

Men's overcoats at \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7.50, and upwards; Youths' overcoats at \$3, \$4, \$5. \$6, and upwards; Boys' overcoats at \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$5, and upwards; Children's overcoats at \$1.50. \$2, \$2.50, \$3, and up-

DO NOT ALLOW THIS CHANCE TO PASS. marked them down to the bare cost of manufacture, which cannot fail to suit the ideas of all inclined to

AS OUR GOODS ARE MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES THE REDUCTIONS ARE BONA FIDE. A. SAKS & Co., THE LARGEST CLOTHING HOUSE

in R!chmond,

1013 Main street, opposite post-office.

MORTON'S is the place to get large straw design and fancy baskets-1101 west Main street. baskets, bouquets, and designs suitable for Christmas presents-1101 west Main street.

ALL THE NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON at JOHN MORTON'S garden, 1101 west Main street. PAMPAS-GRASS PLUMES, all colors, at JOHN MORTON'S, 1101 west Main street.

kind of Candy, at Pizzini's. Thirty cents a pound for Malaga Grapes at Piz-

Violets, Tuberoses, Rosebuds, Carnations, Heliotropes, Bouvardias, &c., &c., can be seen and had at TOLER & HOOPER'S, adjoining Hollywood Ceme-

ANTONI keeps pure confectioneries. Now is the time to buy your Candles, Cakes, and

tery.

good things at PIZZINI'S. orner Cherry and Albemarle streets, next to Holly

C. F. JOHNSTON, 918 Main street, has a large stock of organs, planes, violins, guitars, banjos, accordeous, tifes, drums, music-boxes, musicalbums, work-boxes, writing-desks, children's ooks, games, papeteries, picture-frames, albums, stereoscopes and views, pocket-books, autographalbums, &c., which he is selling at remarkably low

FINE ASSORTMENT of writing-desks and workboxes at lowest prices at ELLYSON & YANCEY'S

MALAGA GRAPES at PIZZINI'S only 30 cents

oound, and in larger lots at less rates.

ANTONI'S is the headquarters. GO TO PIZZINI'S to-day and buy your Candles Cakes, &c. WHITE MOUNTAIN, Blushing Pink, Spanish Bun

and Orange Cake, at 707 Main and 611 Broad street. CALL EARLY and leave your Christmas orders for flowers at TOLER & HOOPER'S. DIRECT IMPORTATION .- W. D. BLAIR & CO

have received another lot of that really fine TABLE SHERRY, which they offer at \$2.40 per gallon. The quality of this wine for the PRICE is unsurpassed. WHITE AND GILT WILLOW BASKETS, different styles of fancy straw and imported white wicker baskets, filled in the finest style, at TOLER & HOOPER'S, adjoining Hollywood Cemetery gate.

Go to ANTONI's and see his fine Candles at re duced prices. FRENCH CANDY, 30c., at ANTONI'S. JUST TO HAND AT LAIRD'S Flower-Garden. large assortment of Straw- and Willow-Baskets

suitable for Christmas presents.

PIZZINI is selling French candles at 30 cents, 40 cents, 50 cents, 75 cents, and \$1 per pound.

FINE BASKETS and Bouquets and Designs of any & HOOPER'S.

ALL YOUNG MEN who are undecided what to send for a Christmas present will do well to call on TOLER & HOOPER and get one of those handsom

SECURITY INVESTMENT.-JOHN H. CLAIBORNE, 1108 Main street, agent MUTUAL LIFE-INSU RANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, assets now over BUY YOUR CANDIES and CAKES of PIZZINI to-882,000,000. This grand old company, with the least ratio of expense of any company in the country, with solid investments producing interest more than sufficient to meet all mortality claims—in a word, in perfected condition, demonstrating life insurance under superior management-now tenders to the community a SEVEN PER CENT. COMPOUND-INTEREST INVESTMENT, WITHOUT CHARGE FOR THE GREAT INSURANCE BENEFIT WHILE INVEST-ING. The agent specially invites conference, and recommends the company as the most solvent financial institution on the face of the globe.

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SCHENCK'S MANDRAKE PILLS will be found to possess those qualities necessary to the total eradica-tion of all fillious attacks, prompt to start the seretions of the liver, and give a healthy tone to the entire system. Indeed, it is no ordinary discovery in medical science to have invented a remedy for these stubborn complaints, which develop all the results produced by a heretofore free use of calomel-a mineral justly dreaded by mankind, and acknowleged to be destructive in the exfreme to the human system. That the properties of certain veretables comprise all the virtues of calomel without its injurious tendencies is now an admitted fact, rendered indisputable by scientific researches, and those who use the MANDRAKE PILLS will be fully satisfied that the best medicines are those provided by nature in the common herbs and roots of the field.

These pills open the bowels and correct all billious derangements without salivation or any of the in jurious effects of caloinel or other poisons. The secretion of bile is promoted by these pills, as will be seen by the altered color of the stools and disappearing of the sallow complexion and cleansing of the

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dealers. Price, 25 cents per box.

"MERMAID TROCHES."-A concentrated specific suited for this enlightened age. Nervousness, Rheumatism. General Debility, and all internal aches and pains. Convenient for the pocket (especially to Dyspeptics). A delightful," Troche" for ladies and children. See circular PRECELL LADD & CO. POLK MILLER & Co., and druggists generally. 25c

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DE. BENSON'S CELERY and CHAMOMILE PILLS are prepared expressly to cure Sick Headache, Nervous Headache, Neuralgia, and Nervousness. Price, 50c, a box. Mailed free.

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Goods, Gold Spectacies and Eye-Glasses, Plain Gold

Rings, Cameo Rings, Amethyst Rings, Chased

Ho, for ANTONI'S, Main street! GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES. Diamonds, Silver

Sold by all druggists.

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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

2 M., one third interest in tract of hand on E. W. POWELL, 10 A. M., clothing, notions, &c. We are determined to sell the goods, and have marked them down to the bare cost of manufacture, which cannot fall to suit the ideas of all inclined to E. B. COOK. 11 A. M., Berkshire hogs, &c., at J. C. Johnson's stable, Franklin street.

E. R. COOK, 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., boots, shoes, &c., at No. 1507 Main street. chromos. &c.

WANTED.-Bakers who wish to buy W J. D. HANNIHAN'S BAKER'S AND CON-FECTIONER'S GUIDE AND TREASURE and ORNAMENTING MACHINE can address the now. Box263. Chicago, Ill. de 22-S21\* J. D. HANNIHAN. WANTED, A PARTNER WITH \$10,000 or \$15.000 in an established manufacturing business. Address BUSINESS, care Dispatch office.

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WANTED, TO SELL A VERY and HARNESS. Will be sold low. They can be seen at J. C. Johnson's stable. No. 1500 Franklin street, from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M. on the 20th, 21st, and 224. WANTED, MY FRIENDS and the pub-W ANTED, MY FRIENDS and the pub-manufacture, of the best WALNUT, COMPLETE SETS OF TOY BED-ROOM SETS, PARLOR SETS for CHILDREN'S BABY-HOUSES. Also, CHAIRS, TABLES, WALL-and CORNER-BRACKETS. WALL-POCKETS, CARD-BASK-ETS, GLOVE- and WORK-BOXES, PHOTO-GRAPH FRAMES, &c. Orders solicited. Call and examine my stock at my rooms, 14 west Franklin street.

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SELLING AT AND BELOW COST. Call early and secure bargains at 525 Broad street. Largest assortment in the city. de 6-1m

FOR SALE, a very handsome YOUNG BULL,

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TRAYED FROM MY RESImy WHITE SETTER DOG-liver-colored, spot on
shoulders, and one on back; liver-colored ears. Had
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de 20
C. T. PALMER.

IN ORDER TO REDUCE HER VERY LARGE STOCK OF MILLINERY, MRS. F. HUTZLER

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NOTICE.—The FIRST and SECOND
MARKETS will be held on MONDAY the 24th
Instant from daylight until 5 o'clock P. M. Those
wishing to lay in their supplies will do so before that
hour. The markets will be well supplied with good
things. There will be no markets held on Tuesday
the 25th—Christmas day.

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Signed, having had considerable experience in the art of making ACCURATE CRAYON LIKE-NESSES from photographs, would be pleased to receive orders for the same. He can guarantee satisfaction, and will make a HANDSOME LIFE-SIZE PICTURE for the reasonable sum of \$10. Address or call on GEORGE B. MATTHEWS, de 3-1m\* 806 cast Leigh street, city.

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